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REMARKS

1. Prior to May 1953, the Fucik Barracks Installation, formerly Masaryk Barracks, in Pardubice (O 51/M 79) quartered engineer soldiers, one motor transport battalion, and an officer candidate school, which probably was part of a military academy. In the spring of 1953, about 20 to 25 tanks were observed in the yard and the garages of the former Cavalry Barracks, which was also referred to as "Kasarna za Veselkou" by the population. For the last time in the fall of 1952, rubber-tired guns and Tatra-111 trucks in the "na Hurkach" barracks installation which was also referred to as the Artillery Barracks by local residents.

2. Numerous young officers were observed in the so-called castle (Zamacek) on ul. Dasicke, on the eastern perimeter of the city. a course of instruction was being held there. The installation consisted of several villas located in a small woods, was enclosed by a barbed-wire fence, and was guarded by soldiers. In May 1953, the old citadel in the northeastern sector of the city, east of the stadium, was exclusively used for civil purposes. The building contained apartments, exhibition rooms and cellarages.

3. The military district headquarters (KVV) was located in the former poor-house on the east side of ul. Strossova, immediately south of a church. The district recruiting office (OVV) was located in the former Rathousky Hotel on the west side of ul. 7. Listopadu, formerly Masarykova. The office of the military procecutor and the military prison were located in a building at the intersection of ul. Slovenskeho Povstani, formerly Stefanikova, and ul. Mala, north of the Realgymnasium (high school).

4. no military supply installations in the area south and southwest of the railroad station. The grain elevator of the agricultural cooperative, which was located in this area, was served by a railroad spur. The new Dukelska residential area was located farther to the south. A veterinary hospital, to which army horses were continuously taken, was located at the intersection of the east side of ul. Strossova and na Kamenici, about 250 meters south of the military district headquarters. training courses for horseshoers were held in this hospital.

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5. Streets subject to recent redesignations included Sadova ulice, which was renamed Polska ulice; and Benesovo namesti, which was renamed Stalingradske namesti.

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Comment. One engineer regiment, the 5th Sig Regt, the 1st Railway Operating Regt, and, as component units of the 8th Mech Div, one AAA battalion and the 30th (?) Tank SP Regt are carried in Pardubice. Some of these units are confirmed by the present information. It is believed that the motor transport battalion mentioned in the present report belongs to the 8th Mech Div. A section of a military academy is reported from Pardubice for the first time. The installation may serve to train veterinary officers in connection with the veterinary hospital.

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